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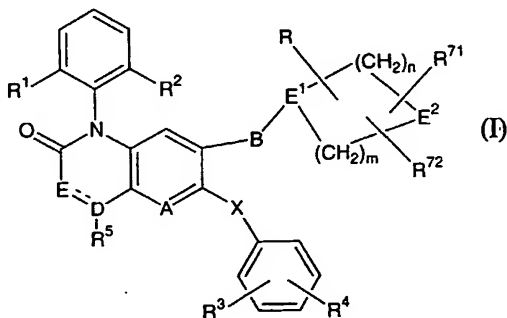
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or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof: (I) are inhibitors of p38  
and are useful in the treatment of inflammation such as in the treat-  
ment of rheumatoid arthritis, rheumatoid spondylitis, osteoarthritis,  
gouty arthritis and other arthritic conditions; inflamed joints,  
eczema, psoriasis or other inflammatory skin conditions such as sun-  
burn; inflammatory eye conditions including conjunctivitis; pyresis,  
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